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SUBJ: POLISH GOVERNMENT AIDE MEMOIRE ON EXPANDED AGRICUL-
TURAL PURCHASES FROM THE UNITED STATES

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE
POLISH AIDE MEMOIRE ON INCREASED POLISH PURCHASES OF
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE
U.S. DELEGATION AT THE NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1 AMERICAN-
POLISH JOINT TRADE COMMISSION MEETING IN WARSAW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE GVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC WISHES TO RETIERATE ITS POSITIVE APPRAISAL
OF THE DEVELOPMENT TO DATE OF TRADE EXCHANGE AND
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREA OF
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THIS EXCHANGE, AND ESPECIALLY
POLAND'S PURCHASES OF FOOD, GRAIN, AND FOODER, HAS
BECOME A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN THE DYNAMISM OF RE-
CIPROCAL TRADE.

3. PARALLEL WITH THE ATTAINMENT OF BASIC PROGRESS IN
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIONS ACCOMPANYING THAT
EXCHANGE OF THE RELATIONS OF SPECIALIZED
AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FOR POLAND'S FOOD
INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN THE CREATION OF A FORUM FOR CONTACTS IN
THE AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP, GOOD COOPERATION IN
THE AGROTECHNICAL SERVICES OF BOTH COUNTIRES, THE
EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION AND PERSONNEL,

AND THE LIKE.

4. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS POSITIVE APPRAISAL, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

(1) THE POLISH SIDE INTENDS A FURTHER EXPANSION OF BILATERAL EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS A PERMANENT ELEMENT IN OUR IMPORT REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PROPOSES THAT, IN THE PERIOD 1978-1985, IMPORTS OF GRAIN AND FOODER FROM THE US CAN INCREASE BY, AT A MINIMUM, APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION METRIC TONS. THE POLISH SIDE IS READY TO SIGN AN APPROPRIATE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

(2) THESE PLANS ARE CONNECTED WITH PLANS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK WITH PLANS FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK IN POLAND IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE SALE OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS ON THE DOMESTIC MARKET AND ALSO FOR EXPORT. POLAND'S NEED FOR IMPORTS IS ALSO DUE, IN CONSIDERABLE DEGREE, TO THE EFFECTS OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE PREVAILED DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS.

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(3) INDEPENDENT OF THE EXPANSION OF IMPORTS OF GRAIN AND FOODER, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF BUYING ON THE US MARKET SUCH ARTICLES AS DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEAL, SOY BEANS, OILS AND FATS, RICE, COTTON, AND TOBACCO.

(4) IN THE ECONOMIC YEAR 1977-1978 THE POLISH SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BUY IN THE UNITED STATES ABOUT 5 TO 6 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN AND FODDER, AND IN THE NEXT YEARS, ON THE OTHER HAND, AMOUNTS WITHIN THE LIMIT OF FOUR MILLION TONS PER YEAR.

(5) EXPANDED PURCHASES OF GRAIN, FODDER, AND OTHER TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE US WOULD REQUIRE, HOWEVER, OBTAINING ADEQUATE SOURCES OF CREDIT FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE ON TERMS MORE FAVORABLE THAN THOSE AFFORDED TO POLAND UP TO NOW THROUGH THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION PROGRAM. THE TERMS REQUIRED ARE:

- SEVEN-YEAR CREDITS WITH A THREE-YEAR GRACE
PERIOD;

- A RATE OF INTEREST LOWER THAN PRESENT RATES.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
ESTIMATES IN THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PURCHASES AT \$500-600
MILLION IN THE ECONOMIC YEAR 1977-1978 AND WITHIN THE
LIMITS OF \$400/500 MILLION IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

6. THE GIVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
PROPOSES THAT THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE FOREGOING PRO-
POSAL SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES
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7. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WILL
GREATLY APPRECIATE THE READINESS OF THE AMERICAN SIDE
TO GIVE POSITIBE CONSIDERATION TO THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS.
THE REALIZATION OF WHICH WOULD CONSITUTE A FURTHER BASIC
STEP IN THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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